

SHORT-WAVE STATIONS. Conditions still vary by the hour, some stations during the week were received here in excellent quality, ABC Tramore, Dublin, Radio Milano International, but come Sunday morning again, all the Irish stations were virtually inaudible during the first half of the morning, then, as if by magic, conditions improved immensely. But, first of all amendments to last week's log (courtesy Podney R. Sixe). 6290khz., Radio Mi Amigo, Dublin announcing 6285, and 12352khz! 7315khz., The Sound of Switzerland (SOS). 7325khz., was Radio Atlantique 2000 International. 7445khz., Radio 101.

This week's log now, and no SINPO's as they varied so much, from 1's and 2's early on to 3's and 4's later.

Radio Victoria (via Radio Milano International) was received on 7295khz., with a good signal throughout the morning.

Radio Dublin was received on 6910khz., only fair, then good later. It was found relaying World Music Radio at some unearthly hour by Ken Baird (who obviously couldn't sleep.).

Radio Pacific International (via Radio Waves International) was received fairly well, on 7340khz.

Radio POL Europe (or it may be KOL) according to Ken Baird, was received rather weekly, on 6310khz.

Radio 101 was received quite good on 7445khz.

Westside Radio International was almost inaudible at 10.00GMT, and at 1015GMT was almost perfect, on 6280khz., they relayed a recorded programme from Radio Annabel featuring Gerrard Roe and the FRC programme.

Radio Krypton was loud and clear on 6265khz., early on, but suffered from QRM later.

Britain Radio International was also loud and clear on 6240khz. At 1025GMT an UNID was noted briefly on 7330khz.

Although not received at all here, or in London, Radio London/Big 'L' (possibly relayed by East Coast Commercial Radio, according to Ken Baird) was received in Scotland and really well in the Shetlands (according to Ian Anderson), Chris Elliott was presenting the show, on 7315khz.

ABC Radio from Tramore, was likewise only received as above on 7325khz., although all week had been received very well here.

F.R.S. Holland was weakly received on 6203khz.

Shamrock Radio International was received very well later on in the morning, on 6293khz., and earlier on 6245khz (according to reports).

Radio Mi Amigo, Dublin, was received very well later on in the morning, on 6290khz.

UNID (maybe Radio Tonair) was reported on 6235khz.

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'Anoraks U.K.'....WEEKLY REPORT...No.23...7th October 1984.

A recent article in Blackpool's 'West Lancashire Evening Gazette' reports that one of the local M.P.'s had asked questions in Parliament concerning Radio Nova and its transmissions into the United Kingdom, following complaints by Red Rose Radio director, Owen Oyston, who said that not only was Nova stealing listeners, but was likely to steal advertisers, once the Liverpool office was in operation. The Minister involved had replied that Nova was doing nothing at all illegal unless it interfered with a British station, and at present on 738khz., Nova was not likely to interfere with any British station at all, being two channels away, either side.

NOVA: On to the news from that station now, and the past week seems to have been quieter than normal. Apparently Nova is still without electricity, and almost without telephones. They continue to have many breaks in transmission due to the generators playing up. Newspaper reports suggest that both Telecom Eirrean and E.S.B. are refusing to have anything to do with the station, due to its past actions, so, what the outcome of this will be, is anyone's guess.

Normal programmes have been heard all week, but one new voice was noted, Clark McKenzie on 'All Night Nova' at the weekend. Recent 'Job Spot' vacancies featured several jobs on offer at the forthcoming Liverpool office. These were obviously soon filled, and apparently the office is now open at Coopers Building, Church Street, Liverpool, tel 051 709 9099. SUNSHINE RADIO: Everything running normally there until Saturday morning, when the AM transmitter went off. This remained off for some time, and just after lunch the transmissions resumed. FM transmissions continued un-interrupted. The exact cause of the breakdown was not made known to us, but it is quite rare for Sunshine to be off the AM band.

OTHER IRISH STATIONS: Radio Carousel Navan continue to pump a strong clean AM signal into North West England. This station is under the managership of well known, and equally well liked, ex FRC Ireland man, Kieran Murray. The station is in the newly built Navan shopping centre, and occupies a centre shop unit, completely enclosed in glass, through which the general public can observe the day to day goings on of a radio station. The station operates on 1386khz., medium wave only, and can be clearly picked up over a very wide area. A Liverpool pirate on the same frequency each weekend, does cause a few problems however, to listeners without any sophisticated antenna systems. Present line-up on the station :-

- 8.00 - 11.00am.....Kieran Murray.
- 11.00 - 12.00.....Tina Anderson with the request show.
- 12.00 - 2.00pm.....Carousel Network from Dundalk, with Hugh Hardy's Country Call.
- 2.00 - 4.00.....Kieran Murray.
- 4.00 - 6.00.....Mike Aherne(not the ex-Radio Caroline North D.J.).
- 6.00 - 6.15..... Main News.
- 6.15 - 7.00.....Meath P.M. with Kevin Johnson.
- 7.00 - 8.00.....Various presenters.
- 8.00 - 10.00.....Robbie Burns.
- 10.00 - mid-night..Nite Trax with Nick Butler.
- Mid-night - 8.00am.Music Machine(Automated).

Kieran informs us that the station welcomes reception reports, and will reply to every one sent in.(quite unusual for Irish stations). The station address is :- Radio Carousel, The Navan Shopping Centre, Navan, Co. Meath, Eire.

Wednesday morning saw 1134khz., come alive with the same music that was emanating from 1116khz., and had been for a couple of weeks. Both frequencies continued to play non-stop music in parallel, until later in the week, when old KISS(Nova) singles were aired. These continue. The signal on 1134khz., is quite excellent, during the day, as no other stations in this area use that channel.

It appears, according to reports, that the Radio Carousel relay on 1404khz., was from Drogheda. This relay has closed due to the equipment being sabotaged. No plans to return, have been suggested. The 1071khz., relay from the border area continues, and can be received here, under the transmissions from the Irish Christian Broadcasting Service in Finglas, Dublin.

Another weekend FM pirate has been reported in Dublin, 107 on 107mhz.,(obviously).

Radio Annabel on 1323khz., continues to send a super signal over this way, despite the odd breakdown from time to time. A plug for 'Anoraks U.K.' was heard on Gerrard Roe's FRC programme (also relayed via Prince Terry's Westside Radio), for which we thank them.

Big news of the week comes from a report that Steve Marshall left WKLR in Bandon, Co. Cork, and joined his ex-colleagues, with York and Don Stevens at Atlantic Sound in Galway. This station operates on 1026khz., AM and 95.5mhz., FM. Their line-up at present reads thus :-

- 6.00 - 10.00am....Steve Marshall.
- 10.00 - 2.00pm....Sean Costello.

- 2.00 - 6.00pm....Keith York.
- 6.00 - 8.00.....Rory O'Baoil(in Irish).
- 8.00 - mid-night.Ritchie O'Shea.
- 12.00.- 6.00am...Barry Williams.

Weekend presenters include Don Stevens. The recent move on FM resulted from some jamming by RTE. The station can be contacted at 13 Forster Street, Galway.

CAROLINE: Last week's report suggested that both Robbie Day and Rob Eden were on the Ross Revenge. We have been informed by a very reliable source, that only Robbie Day was aboard, the names being very similar in sound caused this mistake. John Lewis did his last show on Sunday evening of last week, Alton Andrews took his place on the following day's breakfast show. Some problems were encountered during the week with the mast, resulting in low power being used. An inspection was made and only minor problems were found(thankfully).

LASER: At long last, on Monday, two adverts were aired on this station, one for Ski Magazine, and one for fire extinguishers. The station announced as 538metres on occasions during the week. Their present line-up is :-

- 5.00 - 10.00am.....Rick Harris.
- 10.00 - 3.00pm.....David Lee Stone.
- 3.00 - 8.00pm.....Tommy Rivers.
- 8.00 - 1.00am.....Holly Michaels.

THE VOICE OF PEACE: Present line-up :-

- mid-night - 3.00am.....Chris Taylor.
- 3.00 - 6.00.....John Price.
- 6.00 - 9.00.....Steve Mason.
- 9.00 -12.00.....Dave Thomas.
- 12.00 - 3.00.....Daavid Fortune.
- 3.00 - 4.00.....Kassach.
- 4.00 - 6.00.....Rob Scott.
- 6.00 - 7.30.....Twilight Time.
- 7.30 - 9.00pm.....Classical.
- 9.00 -12.00.....Music from the Continent.

Paul Kenny, though not left the ship, does not feature(?) Jeremy James is still stand-in presenter.

LAND-BASED STATIONS. A feature on Radio Jackie in London will have to be held over till next week, due to lack of space. Merseyland Alternative Radio continues from Liverpool, slightly off channel, causing horrible noises away from the city. Radio Elenore now closed down, and replaced by Radio Merseywaves, featuring Liverpool stalwart, Bert Williams. Storeton Comm. Radio have been off for most of the week. Atlantis received on some nights during the week, FM only.

4. SHORT-WAVE STATIONS: A week of good conditions this week for a change, even on Sunday morning, but first of all, amendments to last week's log, courtesy of Podney R. Sixe of Cornwall. 6235khz., Radio Freedom International at 1005 GMT.....Shamrock Radio International's address was 69 St. Annes Estate, Kilmacud, County Dublin(thanks to Dave Small). ...7140khz., Radio Spoleto at 0830GMT.

Today's log now....Radio Milano International was logged at 0848gmt., on 7295khz., with a SINPO of 22322.

Radio Waves was logged at 0850gmt., on 7340khz., with 21222.

U.K. Radio was logged at 0922gmt., on 6238khz., with a superb signal, much improved from the last transmissions and 44344.

Radio Dublin was logged at 0924gmt., on 6910khz., with 21222.

New station, FWR, Future World Radio was logged at 0942gmt., on 7315khz., with a SINPO of 32233.

ABC Radio, from Tramore, was logged at 0944gmt on 7325khz., with a SINPO of 32333.

Radio 101 was logged at 0946gmt on 7445khz., with 43333.

U.K. Radio International was logged with test transmissions at 1013gmt on 6238khz., with a SINPO of 33343.

Radio Krypton was logged at 1015gmt on 6264khz., with 41233, later 31233.

Radio Westside International, was logged at 1025gmt on 6280 khz., with a SINPO of 32333, later improving to 44344.

K.B.C. Radio was logged with test transmissions at 1125gmt., on 7350khz., with a SINPO of 33233. Their address was given for reports as Postbus 725, Arnhem, Holland. They originally transmitted via Radio Waves Int.,

Radio Valleri was reported by Ken Baird at 1215gmt on 6317khz., QSO'ing with Westside Radio. The signal was quite poor he said.

Ken also reports that Radio Free City is expected on air next Sunday from 8.00am to 1.00pm BST(or it may be GMT this time next week). They could be on air on 6275 or 6235khz. They also hope to be on air each week for the immediate future, although they have never yet kept to an announced schedule.

Anyone wishing to write a report to U.K. Radio, should address their reports to U.K. Radio, P.O. Box 143, Wolverhampton, West Midlands, England.

Ian Anderson reports from the Shetlands that the station WRNO(The Rock of New Orleans) can be received after about 2.00 am each night, on 7355khz., later on 6185khz., after 4.00am.

S.R.C.(Wales), c/o 11 Teify Terrace, Adpar, Newcastle-Emlyn, Dyfed have a selection of offshore radio memorabilia for sale, Caroline and Laser, for details, send SAE to above.

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'Anoraks U.K.'....WEEKLY REPORT....No.24...14th October 1984.

Just when we thought that there was very little news and were looking around for items to use as fillers, events hotted up and we ended up with quite a full news-sheet.

NOVA ...first, as usual, and yet again, we have to report a week of power being up, then down, then off altogether for short periods, once again due to the fact that they are using generators for power.

A new Nova Roadshow was advertised on Monday last, for North West England. They asked people interested in booking this, to contact the Liverpool office. The same day, a new advert/promo appeared for a forthcoming programme nightly by the one and only Emperor Rosko, at present looking after his father's interests in America. Chris Cary is known to be over that side at present, and obviously has done some sort of deal to get taped Rosko shows aired on Nova. Also on this day, mid-morning news bulletins on the station carried a report that Jim Mitchell, Minister for Posts and Telecommunications, intended to present a new bill before the Dail shortly, to make it illegal to advertise on pirate radio stations, and also a bill to set up a body to control local broadcasting. The Dail had just reconvened after the extensive Summer recess.

An advertisement in Liverpool Echo asked for top disc jockeys and personality radio announcers looking for a £25,000 per year job, to contact Radio Nova with an audition tape, which they had to send to Mike Raven(rather unoriginal), Suite 411, Cooper's Buildings, Church Street, Liverpool, L1 3AG. A report elsewhere in the paper said that Nova may set on up to six presenters. Now, are these for the station or the roadshow, one wonders.

Listeners to Nova are once again being asked to send in their all time favourite three tunes. These are all going to be fed into the computer and the end product will once again be broadcast on Irish Bank Holiday Monday, 29th October 1984.

Conspicuous by her absence on the station: Sybil Fennell. But, now the good news...welcome back Jason Maine. He has been off ill for several weeks, but finally returned on the early Saturday morning show, and no doubt, will resume his normal evening show immediately.

Finally, a lot of people have rung up to ask when Nova intend to go back on bigger power, as, with the darker evenings being upon us, radio conditions have become very poor at this time of the day. The answer unfortunately is not known at this stage. We are very fortunate here, in that we can receive them most times in FM.

OTHER IRISH STATIONS: Nothing to report at Sunshine this week, but they say that no news is good news. Good radio conditions prevailed for most of the week as regards the Irish stations, and more difficult stations were received in quite reasonable quality, for example Laois Community Radio on 1143khz., Arklow Community Radio on 1251khz., and ABC Radio in Tramore on 1026k. Likewise good conditions were in evidence later in the week, on the FM band, and several of the bigger stations could be enjoyed in stereo.

Boyneside 244 suddenly moved channel from 1233khz., to 1260khz., on Saturday afternoon. This was most unusual, as this station is very regular. However, it had returned to its original place on Sunday morning.

KISS on 1116khz., and even better on 1134khz., announced KISS FM and AM, and it has been suggested that the station is possibly now on normal programmes, although I find it very boring, although there are one or two adverts and today, an advert for KISS stickers was noted. The address to send for these was :- KISS House, Parnell Square, Dublin 1. Another name in addition to Dr. Don Moore has now been linked with this station, it is Michael Tiernan.

An Irish Sunday paper carried a picture of Don Stevens handing over the £1,000 winnings from the recent competition run by Atlantic Sound in Galway.

And finally, it has been reported that ABC Radio in Tramore, County Waterford, are at long last moving their operation into town(Waterford). Their new address will be :- 4 Arundel Square, Waterford. They intend to keep their AM transmitter out of town in Tramore, where it will not interfere with local televisions etc. It is at present on a hill outside Tramore, virtually in the middle of a field. The station can quite often be heard on 1026khz AM, provided the Liverpool pirate SCR are off the adjacent channel(that of course, only applies to the North West of the country), and also on short wave 7325khz., courtesy of Richard Staines's short wave transmitter.

CAROLINE: As expected, John Lewis, Jay Jackson returned early week, this time together with ex ABC/Sunshine presenter, Dave Windsor. He first appeared on Monday night/Tuesday morning, but due to transmitter problems was not heard properly until the following night. He now seems to have taken the 9.00pm till midnight slot, John Lewis returning to the early morning show, and Jay Jackson, to news, although the latter did programmes on both Saturday and Sunday. The station now seem to have a full complement of staff(albeit some with 'flu), and now operate for 22 hours per day. A new name was noted on Wednesday, Paul McKenna, no further details about him are yet known to us.

LASER: The signal from this station has not improved any of late despite promises of higher power, in fact a worse signal has been reported from many areas. I think that the management will have to consider a mast like the Caroline one before any vast improvement can be expected. A new name on the station this week is Dave Chaney. Presenters noted this week include Rick Harris, David Lee Stone, Dave Chaney, Jessie Brandon and Charlie Wolfe.

THE VOICE OF PEACE: Rumour has it that Alan West could be leaving this station for Holland any day. I wonder why.

LAND-BASED STATIONS: Lots of news here, as four London land-based outfits get raided between 5.00 and 7.00pm., on Thursday last. The stations, Skyline, Horizon, JFM and London Weekend Radio(another 7 day operation!) were all raided and put off the air. Skyline reported that about £300 worth of equipment was taken in the raid. None of the stations have yet returned, but all are expected to shortly. The morning papers did not give much footage to the raids, which followed TV transmissions from pirate operations.

Radio Jackie was not raided at all, and reasons for same are not known, maybe the DTI were looking for TV transmitters, or one of the offending stations was reported to be interfering with a BBC transmission, or the DTI were just letting them all know that they were still capable of raids. We shall see.

Radio Jackie, in the meantime continues on 1323khz. Their present line-up is as follows:-

1.00am	-	6.00am....	Alistair Phillips.
6.00	-	10.00.....	Mark Lawrence(ex Caroline).
10.00	-	12.00.....	Ron Brown.
12.00	-	3.00pm...	Rob Randall.
3.00	-	7.00pm...	Dave Owen.
7.00	-	10.00pm...	Jeff Rogers.
10.00	-	1.00am...	Jeff Austin.

News-readers: John Day each morning, Dave Owen or Rob Randall each afternoon, a 40 year old headmaster on two evenings a week, Andrew Hewkin(ex South Coast Radio) on Sunday afternoons. At a recent seminar at the Institute of Contemporary Arts in London, Tony Collis, owner of Jackie was seen on the same platform as Sir Richard Francis, head of BBC and John Thompson, head of the I.L.R. On Wednesday 3rd October, £1,000 was handed over to St. Margarets School for Handicapped Children. The money was raised by on air appeals over the previous three months.

Finally, Storeton Community Radio in Liverpool were off the air for the best part of the week, although returned on lower power on Saturday. It is not known yet whether or not a raid had taken place.

the station was superb, particularly when compared with the BBC station, Radio Wigan.

Another station was logged on Sunday, announcing both Saturday and Sunday programming, and this was Anglesey Community Radio on 1530kHz. It is possible that the station has broadcast before, as Ken Baird has received something like it, but hardly audible. The programming was very good, and adverts were aired, 196m. was wavelength mentioned.

Finally, on Land based, Calderdale Community Radio were raided at 1012BST today by five police and five DTI men. They smashed down the door of the house with their boots, and took away the transmitter, decks, mixer etc., leaving only the records. Despite smashing down the door, the operator reported that the DTI men were quite reasonable, and said that there had been a complaint from the IBA, despite hardly anything being received in the Todmorden valley. The operator also reported seeing one or two suspicious characters around the house last weekend. He hopes to return to the air soon.

SHORT-WAVE: Not much space left this week, but not much to report on due to bad conditions, so here we go :-

0831GMT...Radio Victoria(via Radio Milano Int.) on 7295kHz., with a SINPO of 33323.

0905GMT...Radio Spoleto from Italy, on 7140kHz., with 21222. Programming on 7445kHz., usually Radio 101, turned out to be Spanish, and was possibly Radio Exterior Espana. (not a pirate).

1015GMT...Radio Big Brother from Germany on 6238kHz..22222.

1053GMT...Future World Radio with a second test transmission and still no address, on 7315kHz., with a SINPO of 21222.

1108GMT...Radio Westside Int. on 6280, hardly audible.

and that was it from me, although Ken Baird received....

10.00GMT...Radio Atlantis S.W. on 6225kHz.

1024GMT....Radio Krypton on 6265kHz.

At 0938GMT, Ken also received on 6200kHz., Radio Sandino from Nicaragua. This station used to be a pirate until the civil war of 1979, since then it has been the voice of the FSLN, which is the party that rules Nicaragua today.

Finally on short-wave, Radiotelex, the excellent short-wave magazine published fortnightly has a new address, it is :- RADIOTELEX, P.O. Box 750 925, D - 2820 Bremen 70, West Germany. This is no doubt the same address used by Radio Big Brother. Subscriptions to this excellent publication are £9 sterling per year (for 26 issues) and money well spent, I might add. Radiotelex urgently need DX'ers to write in with their reports, according to the last issue, so if you make a log of the short wave stations each week, send them a copy, they will be pleased.

Good news and bad news this week, and that is apart from all the radio news contained within....There will be no Weekly Report next week...Why? I hear you ask. Quite simple, we shall be away in Ireland for eight days from Friday next, until Sunday next but one. Now, for the good news, the issue the following week will be a double one, No. 26/27, featuring all the week's news and short wave log courtesy of my fellow radio colleagues, Podney R. Sixe, Ken Baird and Ian Anderson, plus anyone else who wishes to contribute news items, plus a 'Round Ireland Report', as we intend to go all around the country this time, in order to get first hand news, plus lots of recordings etc., and of course, see a lot of friends. So, stand by folks, for the big one!

THE IRISH RADIO SCENE: A general heading this week, as there seems to be plenty of news as usual from the other side, but no big stories from any one station.

It is still the same story from Nova, that we have been reporting for some weeks now, and that is low power most of the time, but occasional bursts of higher power, but not for any great length of time. As it is, a good signal has been reported from Stevie Gordon, at present working the discos in Norway, in the early morning, before sun-up. He tells us that he has been listening to Colm Hayes on several occasions, and the signal is better than Caroline's. Still with Nova, Jason Maine did not return to his usual evening spot as was expected, and was not heard again on air until the early show on Saturday morning(yesterday). Chris Barrie carried on in his place, with a taped show from the Emporer Rosko preceding this, from 6.00 until 7.00pm., each evening. I cannot make much comment on these shows as yet, as I have been unable to really listen to them much, due to the time they are being aired. The signal on medium wave, now that it is dark at 6.00pm., deteriorates badly making the station unpleasant to listen to on AM. I can only listen to FM with the aid of much larger aerials at home, which I usually do not reach until about 7.00pm. One or two colleagues commented that they had heard that Rosko was on, including a presenter on the local Red Rose Radio, but failed to make any other comments as to their thoughts. It is possible that Chris Cary could well have returned from L.A. A new advert for the Nova Park Disco was heard, with his voice, the Comp Shop advert was heard again, and the promo asking the general public to phone in with news items was also heard. All these things suggest that the boss has returned. Finally on Nova, a new name was logged on Saturday last, news-reader Martin Talbot.

2. As was suggested in last week's W.R., the new station on both 1116 and 1134kHz., called KISS AM and FM, is actually doing proper programmes. To me, the only difference is the fact that no one is announcing 'test transmissions'! The station was officially launched last Thursday but one, at a function at a popular place called 'Scruffy Murphys' from 5.30 - 7.30pm. The invitation mentions that KISS are members of the National Independent Broadcasting Organisation. Patrick Murray in the Dublin Evening Herald says that there is a good time and a bad time to do everything, but that this must be the most ill-timed ever, in view of the noises currently being made by the Government, who are planning to make it illegal to advertise and assist on a pirate radio station. Even 'Captain' Eamon Cooke, who is celebrating Radio Dublin's 18th Birthday next week with a function at the Olympic Ballroom, suggests that this one may well be the last, although this could be a ploy to sell a few more tickets. Anyway, they are doing full programmes, but there are no D.J.'s, just the odd ex Cary KISS, jingles and a few adverts, but whether they are paid adverts is anyone's guess. A small competition was announced in the week, and the fact that they had some stickers, although fellow 'Anorak' Peter Madison assures me that they have yet to get some stickers. The 1134kHz transmission was off for a couple of days towards the weekend, but has since returned. Boyneside Radio in addition to the Drogheda service on 1305kHz., is now on 1260kHz., as well as their northern service on 1233 to Northern Ireland. It is possible that the 1260kHz., transmission is the Navan relay. It appears to relay the Drogheda service at all times.

Finally in Ireland, a new station has appeared on 1404 kHz., on Saturday last. It identified itself as Midland Radio on 1404kHz., 215metres and 97.5mhz FM. Test transmissions were announced, but no address or telephone number was given out, but despite this, lots of requests were played. It is thought from these, that the station could be broadcasting from Longford. The signal was very good on Saturday and even better on Sunday, although conditions on medium wave were much better on Sunday than they had been of late.

CAROLINE: The rough weather during the week made its present felt, as several of the presenters went missing from their usual spots. John Lewis, known for not being sea-sick during rough weather made several mentions in jest. The line-up at this point in time reads as follows :- John Lewis....Grant Benson...Alton Andrews...Paul McKenna...Dave Richards...Dave

Windsor....Stuart Vincent....closing at 3.00am., although 24 hours a day operation was promised, whether they actually did or not, go 24 hours last week was debatable. Paul McKenna comes from Radio Top Shop in London. The 576kHz., transmitter was off the air at the latter end of the week and remains so now. The 963kHz. transmitter was off for several short spells during Sunday. Finally, Tony Scott is reported to be lorry driving in the Midlands area.

Radio Caroline has now managed to get through 32 D.J.'s since August 1983. Only one still remains from the first batch and that is Tom Anderson. If space permits sometime, I will attempt to print the list.

LASER: Not a lot of news here, except that we have had two reports this week, that Laser is being jammed. The first from Gary Hogg in Leeds, who said that on Tuesday, it sounded as though Laser were trying to tune up the second transmitter. Ian Anderson from The Shetlands reported on Thursday that the station were definitely being jammed on the upper side band by a Norwegian station Rogaland Radio with a call sign of LF3E. The jamming continued all day Thursday and Friday, but vanished by Saturday. The reasons for this are completely unknown.

Finally, whilst still with offshore radio, a new book is available from 'Anoraks U.K.' called 'Last of the Pirates' and written by Bob Noakes, ex Caroline transmitter engineer from the 1972/3 era. Sub-titled 'A Saga of Everyday Life on Board Radio Caroline' it covers the goings on during this return to the airwaves period, and makes compelling reading.

LAND-BASED STATIONS: All stations running as normal this week, MAR from Liverpool, still slightly off channel (819Khz.), but promises of improvements very soon. Lets hope so, as there is nothing worse than a station running off channel, and another one on the same frequency, dead on channel.

Test transmissions on 102.4mhz FM stereo on Friday evening turned out to be Douglas Valley Radio from Wigan. This station has been on the air for about a year now, but went off about a month ago, due to faults on the transmitter/home office activity/Viking Radio on 102.7mhz., interfering slightly. They were on 102.5mhz., then. The tests were very professional and announced that the station would be on the air at 8.00am Saturday. Reception reports were requested on Wigan 716555. The station duly appeared at the aforementioned time on Saturday giving a mailing address of P.O. Box 102, Ashton-in-Makerfield, Wigan, WN4 8AW. The following presenters were mentioned:- Jan Kirke, Danny Jay, Ken Greenwood, Roger Maine. The quality of

0937/1138gmt., Radio Waves Int. (also relaying Radio Pacific Int. and KBC), on 7338.5/9/40 khz.

1010/1037gmt., Radio Batida on 7344/5khz.

0949gmt., KBC Radio, on 7350khz.

1117/1125gmt., UNID, playing tapes of Sunshine Int., on 7350. Old Kent Place address, Sunshine owner denied all knowledge.

1033gmt., KBC Radio, (repeat of 7350khz. prog earlier), 7355.

1022/1050gmt., Crystal Radio, on 7375khz., s.off at 1105.

1015/1026gmt., Radio 101, on 7445khz. off by 1055gmt.

and that was it, I was sorry I missed most of it, over 20 stations! Thanks to the big three!

LOG for Sunday 4th November 1984. :-

0933gmt., Radio Sandino, Nicaagua on 6200khz.

1207gmt., Radio Delmare, s transmitter with Dutch music on 6207.

1235gmt., Radio Telstar, on 6215khz.

1011/1030gmt., Radio Gemini, on 6220khz.

1110gmt., Radio Delta, on 6227khz., testing.

1108gmt., Radio Telstar, on 6230khz., address, Postbus 59, Ruurlo, Holland.

1211gmt., Radio Hotel Amigo, on 6240khz., testing.

1130gmt., Capital Radio Int., on 6268khz.

1001gmt., Radio Hotel Amigo, on 6270khz., testing.

1047/1115gmt., Westside Radio Int., on 6280khz.

0750gmt., Radio Camilo Cienfuegos-La Voz del Cid, on 6300khz.

1022/1025gmt., Radio Dublin (relay of MW progs.), on 6910khz.

0810/1020gmt., Radio Victoria (via Radio Milano Int.), on 7295.

1013/1015gmt., Future World Radio (FWR), on 7315khz.

1043khz., ABC Radio (Waterford), (relay of MW progs.), on 7325.

0936gmt., Radio Waves Int. (also relaying KBC at 1150 and Radio Kiwi at 1215gmt.), on 7339khz.

1035gmt., County Radio, on 7350khz. (Podney logged this one.).

1035gmt., Radio Mirage, on 7350khz., also (Dave Small logged this and thought the address could possibly be P.O. 2778, Everly, 9201, Tromso, Norway.). Any comments....We logged this transmission but had insufficient time to wait for an ID.

1029/1040gmt., Radio Batida, on 7354/5khz.

1010gmt., Radio 101, on 7446khz.

Our thanks to Podney R. Sixe and Dave Small for this week's logs. We shall use Ken Baird's log to amend the above one in next week's issue of W.R., when we all hope to be back to normal.

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'Anoraks U.K.'....WEEKLY REPORT....Nos 26/27...28thOct/4th Nov.

A double issue this week, due to our absence the previous week (away in Ireland), so, no waffle, straight into it. One apology first though....The majority of the news this week will feature the Irish stations, any other non-Irish news will be second hand. Sorry about this, but it will return to normal next week.

Saturday morning, 7.00am., still dark, (the clocks did not go back till the next day), and off the ship we went, heading straight for Sligo, monitoring all stations on the way.

As usual, it was a treat to hear all the Dublin stations in FM stereo, but soon these were all fading away, as we passed through the suburbs and hit the Sligo road.

On our way through the midlands, Radio West boomed out of the set on 765khz., and also on 102.3mhz. It was discovered later that Sean Coyne, owner of Radio West, had managed to get his FM transmitter on top of a 2000 ft. mountain, how he went on for power, the Lord only knows, probably used a generator, like he does for the medium wave t/x. Anyway, this lkw t/x managed to cover almost the whole of the country from its central location. On our arrival back home, incidentally, we tried for West on 102.3mhz., and to our surprise, we got it quite clearly, probably 200 miles or more.

Passed Mullingar and on to Longford. This was the place we thought the new station, Midland Radio was coming from, and right enough, there it was loud and clear on 1404khz. We had agreed to visit any new stations, but only if we could DF them in a reasonable time. We could not spend too much time on this. Unfortunately, we were not able to find Midland Radio in the time, but got very close to it. We decided it was probably a 'back-bedroom' job, but at least it sounded quite reasonable and got out rather well, even into the U.K. We went on our way, but later learnt that it was possible a further station was on the cards, Independent Radio Longford. Later still, in the week, Midland Radio could no longer be received, although the reason for this is still not known.

Lunch-time in Sligo, North West Ireland. This town has had just one station now for a number of years, Radio Sligo. Recently, their transmitters had been off, first medium, then FM, and now, we tuned around the band, and they had gone off altogether. In their place, we found, Ocean 97, on FM only, rather a poor sounding station, and RNW (Radio North West) on FM, 98.2mhz., and AM 1413khz., the latter with a good signal

but with hardly any modulation, in fact, it could be hardly heard on the outskirts of the town.

Again, time, heavy town centre traffic, the onset of stormy weather and food, prevented us from staying long enough to find the two stations, so off we were again on the road to Galway, our first evening's stop. We had intended to go via Ballina, to visit a friend and monitor the local station there, Holiday FM, but the bad weather made us take the shortest route to Galway, which we reached at tea-time. Despite the heavy town centre traffic, we managed to find 13 Forster Street, and found a couple of local lads there and our old friend Steve Marshall at the station, Atlantic Sound. Later, we met our other two friends there, Don Stevens and Keith York, and as well as sharing a few drinks, we were shown the whole of the station from the transmitters down to the boy who makes the coffee. It was a pleasant, professional sounding station with lots of local adverts and jingles. It was set in an office suite, quite modest, but functional. Nothing was plumbed in and all the equipment sat on tables etc., but it was still presentable and produced a splendid end product. The actual transmitting equipment, in typical Keith York style, was a bit scattered about. The AM t/x was on 1026khz., but a change to 846khz., was planned, and kept being plugged on air. The FM was on two channels, due to RTE having a little dig on one channel with one of their 'tests'. Compression on the signal was evident, in typical Yorkie style and the station was found to sound excellent after 20 hours there.

After a late start, due to delays through listening to the excellent short wave conditions, we eventually got going, and were soon in Ennis, Co. Clare, where, to our amazement, we found an FM only station, Radio Clare, sounding quite good. After a short stop, we were on our final leg of the Sunday trip, to Limerick, home of Big 'L', and Luimni, for a number of years. Again, more surprises, CCR on two FM channels and Radio Luimni on 963khz., of all channels! This did not cause many problems to Caroline listening, as they went off fairly early and did not return until quite late the next day (the Bank Holiday Monday). Hence, we were able to tune to Caroline that evening. We did not bother too much about visiting any of these three, Big 'L' seemed to be closed as it was the Bank Holiday, the place was locked up, at least, and the other two would have taken some little time to find. We later wished we had bothered, as we heard that things had altered a lot there recently.

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Whilst in Limerick, we did notice that Nova came in well at all times of the daylight hours. We also noticed that on 1278khz., (RTE 2 in Dublin and Cork) a dreadful hum was heard. This was most unusual and we intend to write to RTE to see if they are aware of what it is. In addition to the local stations Radio ERI in Cork came in well on both AM and FM in addition to, Radio West in Mullingar (again both AM and FM.).

Bank holiday Monday and off to Waterford, a dreadful day, bad weather and radio conditions all the way. A quick stop for refreshments in Tipperary and to monitor the local station broadcasting only on AM, 999khz., then on our way again, passing through Clonmel (CBC on 828khz., and FM), and Carrick (1512khz., and FM) and finally to Waterford for the rest of the day, and night.

The highlight of any round Ireland trip is always the visit to ABC, this would be the last in Tramore, as they are moving into town (Waterford), any day now, so lots of pics., of the old caravan studios. If I could have a choice of anything in Ireland to take home, it would be the ABC caravan for my back garden, it is magic! The new studios were above a hairdressers in Arundal Square. We went in but only found piles of rubbish, but next trip will find new studios, as they worked furiously to convert the rooms into the station headquarters. The sound of this station is quite the best outside Dublin with crisp compressed sounds on both AM and FM. The professionalism also leaves little to be desired. Waterford also has two other stations, Waterford Local Radio and the less popular Suirside Radio. Of the three, ABC seem to be still the leaders, and look like staying that way. They also operate a short wave service most days, courtesy of Richard Staines with whom it was a pleasure to chat, albeit for a very short time. Hopefully, we can rectify this next trip.

The final leg of our trip to Dublin, where we would stay for the next five days, took us near Wexford, which was without a station completely. W.C.R. had been on FM only for some time, but now it seems they had gone completely.

The next town with a station was Arklow. Their community station operated on low power on both AM and FM. They were found to be on air, but due to the low power, did not travel far outside the town itself.

Finally, Wicklow Community Radio was logged on this leg on 102mhz FM and 1512khz., AM.

Wednesday saw us all heading for Navan, and Radio Carousel there. Still the showpiece of stations, set in the shopping centre in view of the general public, Carousel boasted of reception reports from far and wide, now that they have sorted out their modulation problems. A very pleasant station to visit, and always a welcome there from ex FRCI man, Kieran Murray, still the Anorak he always was.

From there, we went to Dundalk to visit Carousel's headquarters in the shopping centre. Not as elaborate as their Navan showpiece, but nevertheless just as interesting with the local service studio and the Northern Ireland service studio separate. It was indeed a pleasure to make the acquaintance of station owner and ex Showband personality, Hugh Hardy. The station broadcasts on three, and sometimes four different AM frequencies to the various areas in the North East, and on one FM channel from Dundalk.

Returning to Dublin, we went past Telstar Community Radio in the nearby village of Blackrock. They broadcast with a rather excellent signal on AM and a rather poor one on FM from the rather deserted looking Brake Pub on the village sea front. We then went past Boyneside Radio in Drogheda, but had no time to call due to other commitments, unfortunately, we would have liked to call to see the new studios they were in the course of building last time we were there in May. This station broadcast on three AM frequencies to the various areas of the North East, and on two FM frequencies.

Thursday saw the team heading for Nova Park, Rathfarnham, home of the big one. It was just as good as ever. The Nova Park club and disco looked rather impressive, whilst further on, the new Nova Outside Broadcast Van stood proudly alongside the enormous generator which provides all the power for the complex, although the noise was a bit much. Inside the transmitter room, all the transmitters were neat and tidy and carpets covered all the areas around them. That room alone was a credit to the station. Inside even further, one was met by the incredible professionalism only Nova can produce. It really had to be seen to be believed. I am sure legal radio would be very hard pressed to come anywhere near it. As usual we were all made very welcome as we wandered into each various department. Not wanting to outstay our welcome, we were soon on the road again, this time, heading for Dublin City centre and the new KISS AM and FM in Parnell Square.

We were met at this station by various well known names

including Peter Madison. The station was on the air on FM and two excellent AM channels with more or less non-stop music. The station was sort of partly built and seemed to be on a test format, although it had been launched some little time ago officially with a rather lavish function. The station has no connection at all with the Nova sister station which closed earlier this year. The studio equipment was rather modest when we called, but I am sure it will be quite different very soon, particularly if they commence with normal programmes using some of the names forecast.

Following this visit, we then returned to Nova briefly, before heading up into the mountains to view the various radio station aerials situated there.

Friday, and it was the turn of Sunshine Radio in Portmarnock to be graced with our company. As usual a tight well run station, Robbie Dale was on air himself, during our brief visit. Sunshine operate on 531khz., AM and 100.5 and 101.5 mhz FM stereo.

A visit to Bray on the south side of Dublin then followed. BLB Community Radio, high on the list of community stations in line for a licence, still broadcasting on 657khz., AM OFF CHANNEL, but only with low power, and on FM in stereo. A very busy little station set in excellent studios, on top of a sea front bar on Bray promenade. One thing which fascinates us about this station is the fact that the telephone never seems to stop ringing, obviously a sign of the station's popularity.

Saturday, the final day. Another visit to Sunshine first to see Martin King, popular presenter, just returned from a season in the Canary Islands. It is a pleasure to hear this presenter back on the air. The team split at this point, one half staying at Sunshine the 'A' team heading for the next but one town of Swords, to try and DF Radio Na nGael. After a week of DF'ing, it took us about two minutes to find this one, set up in a little caravan, alongside a bungalow on the road into the town. A very simple little station broadcasting on AM, 1530khz., FM and often on shortwave, but just at present off the air, but due to return soon on the latter. The station promised Irish music from the start, and have stuck to their word. The female D.J. was even speaking completely in Irish whilst we were there. They reported a few problems with the aerial with the recent bad weather, but seemed to have got themselves sorted out again. We wished them well and bid them farewell.

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The final afternoon took us all back to Nova for a last look, and to say hello to presenters we had missed previously. Heading for the ship, we decided to go past Wonderland Radio in nearby Tallaght, but by the time we had found the station, it was getting rather late in the day, so we decided to save that one till next time.

Summary on the trip: Firstly, we could have done with a month instead of a week, but we say that every time.

The FM band in Dublin.....I have never been to Italy since the FM pirates set up, but I would imagine that Dublin is fast approaching a very similar situation. Gone are the spurious signals from the super-pirates, but in their place seem to be sprogs from all sorts of little known stations. One station, Dublin Community Radio had problems all the five days we were there. So many sprogs appeared that we were unable to determine which was the real signal. Why they just did not switch off and sort themselves out beats me. These people are the sort who get the independent stations a bad name. Apart from this, everything looks quite healthy in the radio world. The Government is making noises again, but they had just re-convened after the Summer recess, so, this was to be expected. Stations come and go almost daily, Annabel went whilst we were there, WABC took their place. They too, now seem to have gone. Gone was the dreadful hum on 819khz., caused by Liverpool pirate off channel(MAR) humming with Cavan Community Radio. MAR seemed to have closed down for some reason. What next will appear on 819? It al ways was a Magic frequency. Dun Laoghaire Local Radio failed to appear at all on 963khz., so Caroline was un-interrupted during the hours of darkness(it fails to get so far during daylight hours). The former did emit a carrier for quite a spell during Saturday daytime. Capital Radio apparently never broadcast from Belvedere Place as indicated in previous issues, but simply used the place as a mailing address. They now seem to broadcast from Ranelagh, but are far from the station they were six months ago, on our last visit. John Kenney has left and is reported to be about to start work at KISS, along with Lawrence John, who seems to be everywhere and nowhere, if you see what I mean. Radio Dublin, now with only one service seem to have one or two problems, as usual, with the various transmitters. They still chug along nicely on short wave though. Zodiac seemed to have gone, as they failed to appear all the time we were there. One big surprise for us, was the fact that Diamond Radio were still going strong on 1557khz. We cannot hear them since Radio Lancashire appeared on the channel.

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We were not able to visit Cork this time, unfortunately, but did log Radio ERI from many parts of the country. Caroline seemed to get into most parts after dark, but Laser was plagued by the state run Radio 1, although did reach one or two parts from time to time. Finally, Tony Allan was missed on this trip, he was last seen heading for the Guinness Jazz Festival in Cork. Radio station memorabilia was sparse, to say the least, in view of the continuing uncertainty of the future, but some stations were still expanding and improving, quite confident that they would stand a good chance of a licence if the operation was run in a professional way. I should just like to thank the various stations for making us very welcome as ever, on our travels.

THE VOICE OF PEACE: Yet another local lad has gone over to Israel, this time, Paul Rogers from Merseyside, although, he may well use a different name on air. Many presenters are reported to be about to leave, so we can expect still further new names very soon. The present line-up is :-

6.00am...Steve Mason.
9.00am...Dave Thomas.
12.00noon.Jeremy James.
3.00pm...Dave Fortune.
6.00pm...Twilight Time.
7.30pm...Classical.
9.00pm...International Showcase.
Midnight.Chris Taylor.
3.00.....Paul Kenny.

Relief presenter. John Price.

CAROLINE: Lots of comings and goings, at present, but the station has neversounded better. New adverts have appeared, including Expo '86 in Canada. Barry St. James was heard on 22nd October in addition to Michael Barrington on 576khz., during tests for a second service, during the night(the tests, that is). These seem to have ceased at present no doubt due to equipment failure. Tom Anderson returned, as well as Samantha, and yet another lady appeared sounding very Canadian, by the name of Susan Charles. The popular Dave Windsor left, a sad loss, although he will soon re-surface elsewhere. Crispian St. John, or Jay Jackson too.

LASER: Still further new adverts heard, line-up staying more or less the same. Station sounding a bit tired in my opinion.

LAND-BASED STATIONS: Reports of the recent raids on the London pirates and on the returns made the music press, in particular James Hamilton column. Reports of the raid on the Todmorden

station, Calderdale Sound made the front page of the local Halifax newspaper. The station has not yet returned and the operator says that he will await the outcome of his court case. Many signatures have been collected by the local people in support of the operation.

Yet another station has appeared in Chorley, Crystal Radio, the voice of independent community radio for the Chorley and surrounding area, on 242 metres, 1242kHz. each Sunday.

Douglas Valley Radio continue on FM only, 102.4mhz.

Manchester's Stockport based KFM also continue, but the signal seems to have been squashed out a little here, maybe by its neighbours (The BBC) increasing power a little. On the other hand, Small Town Radio seem to come in clearer now on their frequency of 92.1mhz. KFM are on 94.2mhz.

As we have a little space left, something different. On one of our Guinness sampling evenings, we compiled a list of names of people, well known for their involvement in free radio in this country, who ventured to Ireland to work on the pirate stations, and have now left there to work elsewhere... Stevie Gordon, Tom Hardy, John Lewis, Dave Windsor, Alan West, Paul Graham, Stuart Scott, Andrew Hewkin, Stuart Clark, Robin Ross, Michael Cottee, Mark Lawrence, Robin Banks, Crispian St. John, Nigel Roberts, Nick Richards, Andrew Archer, Roger Matthews, I am sure there are more, maybe part two some other time.



SHORT WAVE REPORT.

Two weeks reports this time, and what a weekend the first one was. Trust us to miss it all, we did hear a bit of it in Galway, but we were travelling and could only spare the odd five minutes with a hastily rigged up aerial. The logs for the first weekend are courtesy of Podney R. Sixe, Ken Baird and Dave Small, and anyone who knows them will see that with their reports, we cover reception in Scotland, Midlands and extreme South West of Great Britain, so, by and large, this should be a fairly accurate report.

First of all, Saturday, and Ken reported one or two oddities:- 1128gmt., Diamond Radio was logged on the harmonic freq., 3115. 1130gmt., Big 'M' Community Radio, on harmonic, 2718kHz. Both the above are Irish pirate stations. 1928gmt., The Voice of Arab Lebanon on 6233kHz. He also logged one or two more odds and ends earlier in the week.

But now, on to the mammoth Sunday log....28th October 1984....

0953/1000gmt., Radio Apollo was logged by all three, (and us in Galway too), on 6200kHz.
0920gmt., Radio Delmare, relayed by FRS Holland, on 6207kHz.
1214/1340gmt., FRS Holland, on 6205/6/7 asking for reports.
1103/1105gmt., relay of WRLI, on 6240kHz., with special SW relay tape, address given, but not logged.
1106/1115gmt., Radio Krypton, on 6262/3.5/4, with live time chex.
0915/0916gmt., Capital Radio Int., on 6268kHz. s.off at 1415.
1248gmt., Spectrum World Broadcasting, on 6272kHz.
1117/1216gmt., Westside Radio Int., on 6280kHz., Prince Terry.
0800gmt., Radio Camilo Cienfuegos-La Voz Del Cid (Anti-Cuban clandestine station), on 6300kHz.
0802/1130gmt., Radio Brigitte, on 6300/1/3kHz. (earlier still on 6310kHz.).
0844/1135gmt., Radio Dublin, on 6910kHz. (relay of MW progs.).
0900gmt., Radio Spoleto, on 7140kHz.
0845/1020gmt., Radio Victoria (via Radio Milano Int.), on 7295.
1043/1100gmt., Future World Radio (FWR), on 7310kHz., address of Postbus 725, Arnhem, Holland, until 1201, then 7315kHz.
0944/1025gmt., The Sound of Switzerland, on 7315/7kHz. sign-off 1053gmt., Dedemsvaart address.
1031/1035gmt., ABC Radio (Waterford), on 7325kHz., relay of MW.
0935/1030gmt., Radio Atlantique 2000, on 7330kHz. also mentioned 7800kHz. in operation, but not heard.
1108/1123gmt., Radio Enoch, on 7335/7/8kHz., propaganda.